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**GUIDELINES FOR THE CUTTER-SKIDDER OPERATOR TRAINING
PROGRAM #750000**

The Cutter-Skidder Operator Program is designed for workers **in the forest products industry engaged in logging operations**. Logging occurs when trees are felled so that they may be sold for conversion into a forest product, such as lumber, kraft pulp, newsprint, plywood or composite wood products, or firewood for sale on the commercial market. This can occur on crown land or on private land, including forested areas of farmland.

Employers in the industries/organizations listed below who are not involved in logging operations **DO NOT** require the Cutter-Skidder Operator Training Program:

Municipalities	Conservation Authorities
Ministry of Natural Resources	Hydro One
Urban Fire Departments	Road Maintenance Crews
Building Contractors	Non-Commercial Lot Owners
Commercial Arborist Industry	Commercial Horticulturist Industry
Landscape Industry	Farming Industry

A worker in a logging operation that only bucks logs or only limbs and tops trees at the landing shall not be required to register in the Cutter-Skidder Operator Program.

Employers and workers in the industries/organizations listed above shall still receive adequate training as per the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*.

Each Training Program, Cutter, Skidder or Cutter-Skidder Operator, identifies certain skill sets or activities that a worker must perform and the worker must demonstrate competence in these skill sets in order to be certified. The skidder portion of the program applies to cable skidding or equipment similar to a cable skidder that would use a winch, cable and choker system to skid trees in a logging operation.

The Cutter-Skidder Operator Training Program is enforced by the MOL under the Regulation for Industrial Establishments (Ontario Regulations 851) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*. If you are unsure whether or not you are engaged in the activity of a logging operation, please consult your local Ministry of Labour Office for clarification.

The Cutter-Skidder Operator Training Program is organized for certification of cutters, skidder operators and cutter-skidder operators under the following programs:

CUTTER-SKIDDER OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM # 750000

U0691.0	Protect Self and Others
U0692.0	Protect the Environment
U0693.0	Plan, Organize, and Prepare Job Site
U0694.0	Maintain Chainsaw and Related Felling Equipment
U0695.0	Fell Trees
U0696.0	Limb and Top Trees
U0697.0	Buck Logs
U0698.0	Perform Operational Checks and Safety Procedures on Skidding Equipment
U0699.0	Operate Cable Skidder

CUTTER TRAINING PROGRAM # 750010

U0691.0	Protect Self and Others
U0692.0	Protect the Environment
U0693.0	Plan, Organize and Prepare Job Site
U0694.0	Maintain Chainsaw and Related Felling Equipment
U0695.0	Fell Trees
U0696.0	Limb and Top Trees
U0697.0	Buck Logs

SKIDDER OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM # 750020

U0691.0	Protect Self and Others
U0692.0	Protect the Environment
U0693.0	Plan, Organize and Prepare Job Site
U0694.0	Maintain Chainsaw and Related Felling Equipment
U0698.0	Perform Operational Checks and Safety Procedures on Skidding Equipment
U0699.0	Operate Cable Skidder

SIGNING AUTHORITY

The Signing Authority is the person designated by the employer and authorized by the MTCU who will be accountable and responsible for the quality of training, the maintenance of training records, and determining the competency of company workers for modular accreditation or certification.

The Signing Authority application procedure will be as follows:

1. Initial contact between the employer and the local MTCU Apprenticeship Office.
2. The local MTCU staff will review training needs, the Signing Authority application process and program requirements with the employer representative.
3. The employer will forward the completed Signing Authority application to the local MTCU Apprenticeship Office.
4. If an application is not approved, the local MTCU Apprenticeship Office will inform the employer and where appropriate, request modifications or additional information.
5. On approval:
 - a. MTCU will issue an authorization letter, Signing Authority Certificate and number to the employer for the Cutter-Skidder Operator Training Program # 750000; and
 - b. local MTCU Apprenticeship Office will issue the employer a copy of the Modular Training Standard Book, On-Site Orientation/Training Checklists and forms for the modular program, and Signing Authority Guidelines

OPERATOR TRAINING PROCESS

The Cutter-Skidder Operator Program #750000 has a mandatory classroom training part that must be taken prior to operation of chainsaw or skidder.

An Approved Trainer shall provide the mandatory classroom training. (*Note: A list of approved trainers can be found on the Workplace Safety North (WSN) website (www.workplacesafetynorth.ca) or through the local MTCU Apprenticeship Office.*)

1. The mandatory classroom training consists of the Introduction to Professional Chainsaw Operator (IPCO) program for cutters and Introduction to Professional Cable Skidder (IPCS) program for skidder operators.
2. The mandatory training will expire after one year if the person has not registered in the Cutter-Skidder Operator programs.

3. To register in the Cutter, Skidder or Cutter-Skidder Operator Training Program, a worker shall:
 - a. first take the mandatory classroom training;
 - b. receive the mandatory program specific on-site orientation; and
 - c. sign the Modular Training Application form for their specific program.
4. To register a worker in the program, a Signing Authority shall complete an MTCU Modular Training Application form for each trainee and submit it to the local MTCU Apprenticeship Office.

NOTE: Trainees shall not operate the chainsaw or the skidder until the registration requirements are met.

5. The on-the-job training will need to be conducted by either an approved cutter/skidder operator trainer or an MTCU accredited/certified cutter/skidder operator.
6. The Modular Training Standards book is signed by the worker, the Supervisor, the MTCU Approved Trainer/Evaluator and the Signing Authority verifying successful completion of each modular training standard and remains the property of the worker.
7. At the end of the on-the-job training there will be an evaluation of the trainee through a on-site demonstration of skills. The evaluation shall be conducted by an Approved Trainer/Evaluator.

Note: Workers shall complete training and evaluation for certification in a specific program within one year of registration in the program. The Approved Trainer/Evaluator, Signing Authority and trainee shall sign and maintain a completed Training Unit Completion Form in the Modular Training Standards book

8. The Signing Authority shall complete, sign and submit to the MTCU the Modular Training Report to verify that the worker has successfully completed the on-site demonstration of skills.
9. A wallet card will be issued by MTCU upon successful completion of the program requirements.

APPROVED TRAINERS/EVALUATORS

The Approved Trainer/Evaluator:

- a. will conduct mandatory classroom training for cutters and/or skidder operators using the Introduction to Professional Chainsaw Operation (IPCO) and Introduction to Professional Cable Skidder (IPCS) training program;
- b. will conduct evaluations of workers for certification/accreditation; and
- c. his/her qualifications will include:
 - i. demonstrated knowledge and experience in related logging operations
 - ii. successful completion of the Introduction to Professional Chainsaw Operation (IPCO) and Introduction to Professional Cable Skidder (IPCS) training;
 - iii. successful completion of IPCO and IPCS Train-the-Trainer Programs;
 - iv. successful completion of a Generic Train the Trainer Program.

MTCU APPROVED CUTTER-SKIDDER OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

1. The Provincial Forestry Tripartite Committee will review and recommend approval of any submission of training program material to MTCU.
2. The minimum program requirement will be based on the Workplace Safety North IPCO/IPCS Training Programs.